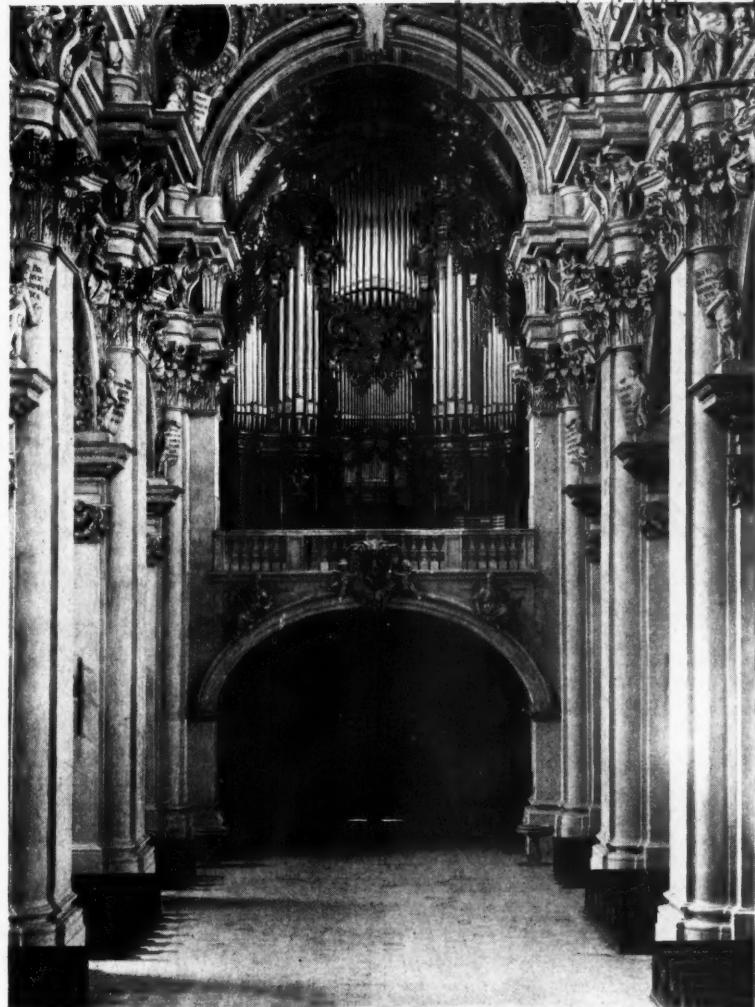


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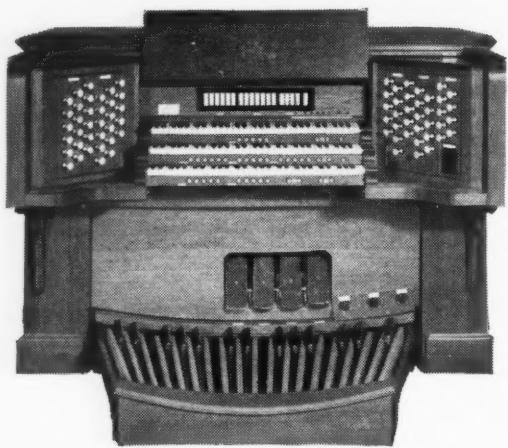
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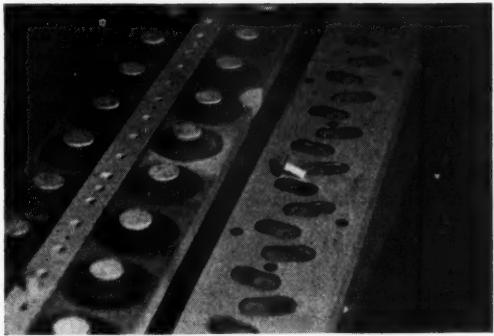
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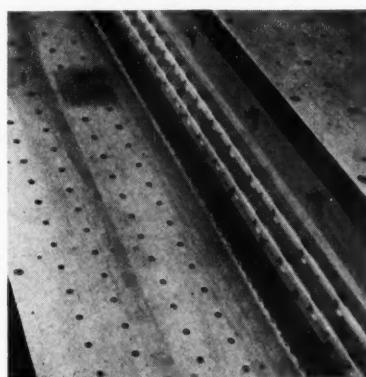
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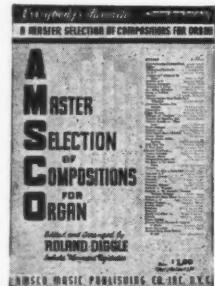
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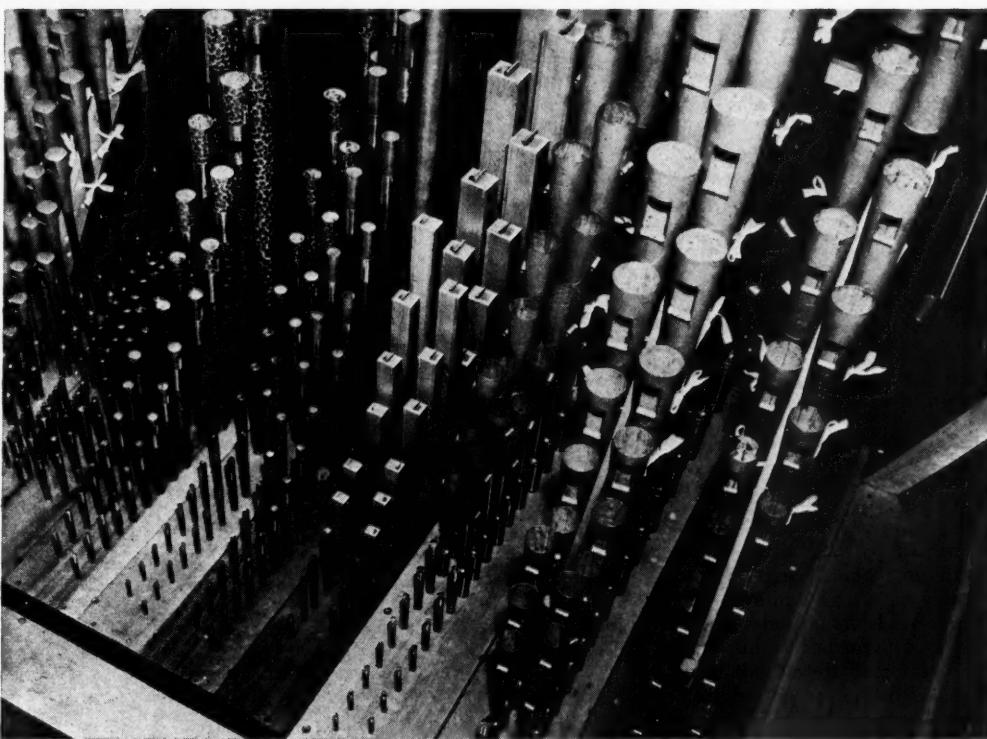
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O—Oratorio-cantata-opera form

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W—Women's voices.

J—Junior choir.

3—Three-part, etc.

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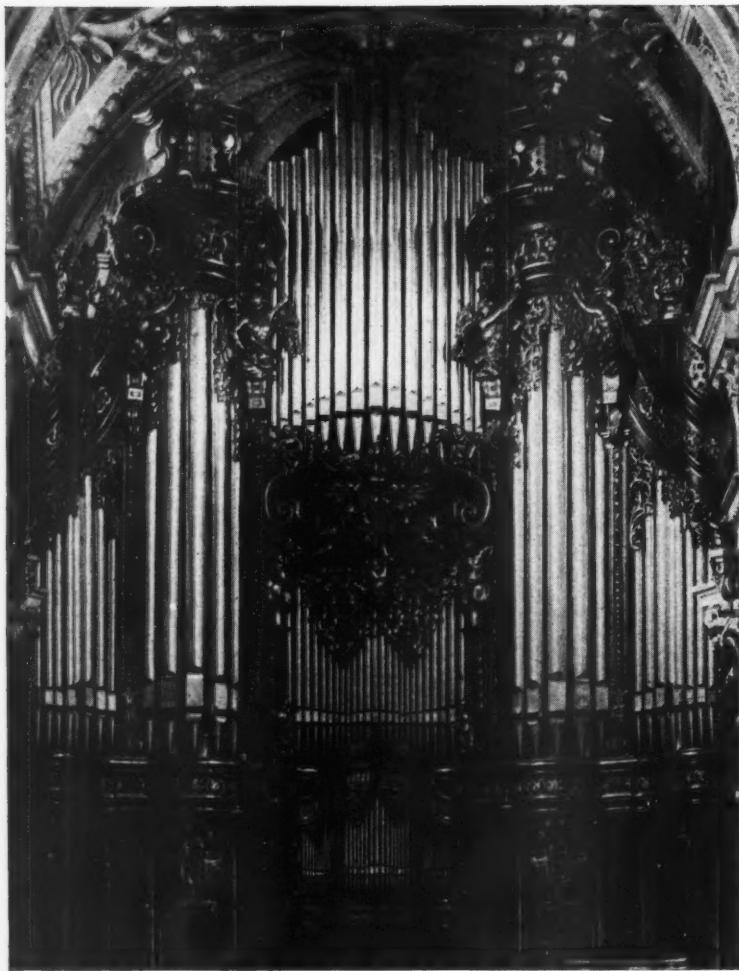
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THE CATHEDRAL, PASSAU, GERMANY

This completes the picture of the ornate case shown as our cover-plate this month and should be an object-lesson to purchasers of organs and builders of churches in America, for nothing in all architecture is so ideally ecclesiastical as fine stained-glass windows and a fine organ-case.

THE AMERICAN ORGANIST

May, 1946

Norwich Cathedral's Enlarged Organ

By ERNEST E. ADCOCK

One of England's innumerable laymen who delight in the organ

APRIL 9, 1938, only eight days before Easter, a fire started in Norwich Cathedral just after 3:00 p.m. evensong had begun. It was due to a faulty electric switch and it is a great wonder the beautiful fifteenth-century choir stalls were not harmed. The east front of the organ was extensively damaged in spite of frantic efforts by choirmen to conquer the fire by patent extinguishers.

The result was that the organ had to be restored, so opportunity was taken then to bring the instrument up to date and enlarge it. It had been in almost daily use since 1898 and was about due for a thorough renovation: the fire was therefore not altogether an unmixed curse.

While the instrument was away from the Cathedral, we first tried a Hammond electrotone but that was soon replaced by two two-manual organs, one in the nave, the other in the choir, built by Norman & Beard and Hill & Son to whom the contract for the new organ had been given. The insurance company made a liberal allowance for the damage done, but it left a considerable sum to be raised by other means.

War broke out in September 1939, labor and materials became scarcer, and so it was not until the end of January 1942 that the organ was finally ready for what was termed an unofficial opening. When that event did take place, the weary time of waiting was amply compensated for by the magnificence of the instrument which, Phoenix like, had sprung up from the ruins of its predecessor. Since a very considerable quantity of the old pipework was little damaged, I refrain from calling the organ a new one.

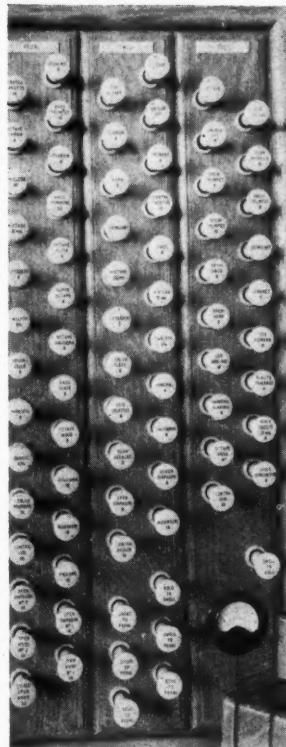
The stoplist speaks for itself but there are a few details deserving comment. The former organ, erected in 1898 by Norman & Beard, had five manuals; this one has but four, because the Echo Organ, at the far east end of the Cathedral, will be played from any one of three keyboards and does not therefore need a manual of its own.

Great and Choir are divided into two sections, as the stoplist shows, and it is possible to play these sections on other manuals than those allotted to them. The Primary Great contains the roast beef, as it were, whilst the Secondary provides suitable accompaniment to choral work. On the Choir Organ the arrangement gives a particularly charming use as a complete & compact two-manual organ for quiet and old-fashioned effects.

The Echo Organ was unharmed by the fire, but it will not be put into commission until further funds are available.

A very beautiful case has been designed by Stephen

Norman & Beard in 1898 installed a five-manual of 64 stops, 4209 pipes; forty years later defective wiring started a fire, and rebuilding was begun; war came in 1939 and slowed the work; in 1942 it was finished—four manuals, 117 stops, 6717 pipes.



NORWICH CATHEDRAL: LEFT JAMB
Rows, left to right, Pedal, Swell, Solo; one-section couplers are at the top, two-section at the bottom, wherever space is available. Photo by Mr. Adcock and all engraving easily readable.

Dykes Bower, but only the side paneling is up; money for the rest of it is eagerly awaited. This case will have two fronts, one facing west, the other east, and the latter will have a down-hanging small case to enclose the Positif division of the Choir Organ.

All the more cumbersome parts of the organ are not

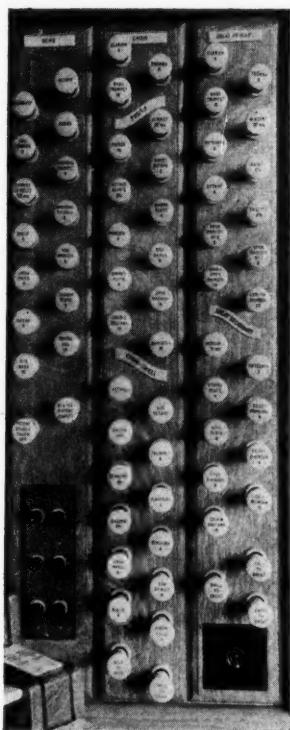
NORWICH, ENGLAND	
THE CATHEDRAL	
Hill & Son and Norman & Beard	
Built, 1898	
Rebuilt, 1942	
Data, Ernest E. Adcock	
V-85. R-112. S-117. B-29. P-6717.	
PEDAL: V-9. R-10. S-28.	
32	OPEN WOOD 44
16	DIAPASON 56
	<i>Diapason (G)</i>
	OPEN WOOD 56
	<i>Open Wood</i>
	BOURDON 56
	<i>Lieblichbordun (G)</i>
	VOLONE 44w
	<i>Viole (L)</i>
	DULCIANA 44
10 2/3	QUINT 44
8	<i>Diapason</i>
	<i>Open Wood</i>
	<i>Bourdon</i>
	<i>Violone</i>
	<i>Dulciana</i>
5 1/3	Quint
4	<i>Diapason</i>
	<i>Open Wood</i>
	<i>Bourdon</i>
II	HARMONICS 64
	19-22
32	Ophicleide
16	OPHICLEIDE 68r
	<i>Trombone (G)</i>
	<i>Fagotto (S)</i>
	<i>Schalmei (C)</i>
8	<i>Ophicleide</i>
4	<i>Ophicleide</i>
	GREAT: V-19. R-26. S-21.
	PRIMARY (North Triforium)
32	<i>Lieblichbordun</i> tc
16	DIAPASON 61
8	DIAPASON-1 61
	DIAPASON-2 61
5 1/3	QUINT 61
4	OCTAVE 61
2 2/3	TWELFTH 61
2	FIFTEENTH 61
IV	MIXTURE 244
	15-19-22-26
16	TROMBONE 61
8	TRUMPET 61
4	CLARION 61
	SECONDARY (West Case)
16	LIEBlichBORDUN 61
	Dulciana 43*
8	DIAPASON 61
	GEIGENDIA 61
	HOHlfloete 61
4	GEIGENPRINCIPAL 61
	STOPPED FLUTE 61
2	FIFTEENTH 61
V	HARMONICS 305
	12-15-17-19-22
*18 lowest notes borrowed from the Pedal Dulciana.	
SWELL: V-18. R-26. S-18.	
16	GEIGEN 61
	BOURDON 61
8	DIAPASON 61
	GEIGENDIAPASON 61
	ROHRGEDECKT 61

	SALICIONAL 61	16	SCHALMEI 61
	VOIX CELESTE 2r 110	8	TRUMPET 61
4	PRINCIPAL 61		Tremulant
	LIEBLICHFLOETE 61		GREAT BORROWS
2 2/3	TWELFTH 61	16	<i>Trombone (G)</i>
2	FIFTEENTH 61	8	<i>Tromba (G)</i>
V	MIXTURE 305	4	<i>Clarion (G)</i>
	15-19-22-26-29		SOLO: V-11. R-12. S-15.
IV	MIXTURE 244		UNEXPRESSIVE
	17-19-21-22	8	TUBA MIRABILIS 61
16	FAGOTTO 61		EXPRESSIVE
8	TRUMPET 61	16	<i>Viole d'Orchestre</i>
	HORN 61	8	<i>CLARIBEL</i> h 61
	OBOE 61		V. D'ORCHESTRE 85
4	CLARION 61		V. CELESTE 2r 110
	Tremulant	4	FL. TRAVERSO 61
	CHOIR: V-18. R-21. S-23.		<i>Viole d'Orchestre</i>
	POSITIV (Unenclosed)	16	<i>Orchestral Trumpet</i>
16	QUINTATEN 61	8	COR ANGLAIS tc 49
	<i>Dulciana (PG)</i>		ORCH. TRUMPET 85
8	DIAPASON 61		ORCH. HORN 61
	CHIMNEY FLUTE 61		ORCH. OBOE 61
	BELL GAMBA 61		C. BASSETTO 61
4	PRINCIPAL 61		VOX HUMANA 61
	NASON FLUTE 61	4	<i>Orchestral Trumpet</i>
2 2/3	QUINT 61		Tremulant*
2	SUPEROCTAVE 61		*This may affect only the Vox, or possibly only the flues and woodwinds.
1 3/5	Tierce (Harmonics)		ECHO: V-10. R-17. S-12.
IV	HARMONICS 244		16
	17-19-21-22		Sub-Bass 12
	ENCLOSED		VIOLA tc 49
8	DOLCE 61	8	ZAUBERFLOETE 61
	COR DE NUIT 61		UNDA MARIS 2r 110
	UNDA MARIS tc 49		GAMBA 61
	VIOLONCELLO 61		VOX ANGELICA 2r 110
4	GEMSHORN 61	4	VIOLA 61
2 2/3	NASARD 61	2	PICCOLO h 61
2	FLAGEOLET 61	VI	CORNET 366
		8	TRUMPET h 61
			VOX HUMANA 61
			GONGS 49
			Tremulant
Echo Organ to be playable from three of the manuals.			
COUPLERS 26:			
Ped.: G. S. C. L. E.			
Gt.: S. C. Ce. L.			
Sw.: S-16-8-4. L. E.			
Ch.: S. Ce-16-8-4. L. E.			
Solo (L): S. L-16-8-4. E.			
Echo: E-4.			
Note: Gp, Gs, Cp, Ce are here used to indicate Great Primary, Great Secondary, Choir Positiv, Choir Expressive.			
Transfers 4: Ce-G. Gs-S. Cp-S. Gs-C.			
Crescendos 3: S. C. LE. (Register Crescendo is not mentioned).			
Combinations 51: P-8. G-10. S-10. C-10. L-10. E-3. These are adjusted on a "miniature switchboard by the console."			
Manual combinations operate optionally "a selected Pedal combination" on second-touch; second-touch can be rendered inoperative by a special piston.			
Pedal pistons can be made to operate also Great pistons, by a special piston for that purpose.			



NORWICH CATHEDRAL
Defective wiring damaged the 1898 organ and the rebuilt instrument was completed in 1942; the Germans dropped seventeen bombs on the Cathedral but did little harm.

placed within the case but out of sight in the north and south triforiums, yet they are in close proximity to the rest of the instrument.



NORWICH CATHEDRAL: RIGHT JAMB

Left to right, Echo, Choir, Great; general scheme is flues at bottom beginning with lowest pitches, reeds at the top. Photo by Mr. Adcock.

In the former organ the console was placed on the south side of the Cathedral; it is now on the north side and the convenience of the whole arrangement is that the organist has his instrument all around him (except, of course, the Echo) and none of it is very far away from him.

There was a great controversy in the local press at the time of reconstruction; some wanted all the instrument spread out in the triforium, out of sight. This would have been a serious blunder, for, clever as they are, organ-builders cannot make soundwaves travel faster than their accustomed speed and even a fraction of a second's lag is disconcerting & confusing.

Since the organ's completion we have had such celebrities as Thalben Ball, G. D. Cunningham, Harold Darke, H. G. Ley, W. H. Harris, O. S. Peasgood, to give us recitals, as well as our own talented organist, Dr. Heathcote Statham; and the general verdict is that Norwich now possesses one of the finest organs in this country. As a cathedral organ it ranks next in size to that in Liverpool Cathedral. One of its striking features is the Pedal Organ, so comprehensive as almost not to need coupling to manuals.

Another interesting thing is that the lowest seven pipes of the 32' Open Wood were actually made up in the triforium where they stand—or rather lie. That was in 1898 when the preceding organ was erected. The CCCC pipe of this 32' Open Wood measures 3'2" x 2'8" inside.

A large part of the reconstruction work was done by Norwich craftsmen who were with Norman & Beard but who went to London when that firm amalgamated with Hill & Son. One of these skilled men was Robert Lamb who was responsible for the voicing & finishing—in which he proved himself an artist of the first rank.

We are fortunate in that despite the severe bombing

which the City experienced about three months after the organ was opened, no particularly great damage was done to the Cathedral. Had not the building possessed a vaulted ceiling throughout, however, there is no doubt much mischief would have been done by fire, for sixteen fire-bombs were dropped on the transepts and an explosive bomb fell in one corner of the cloister.

Improving the Service Form

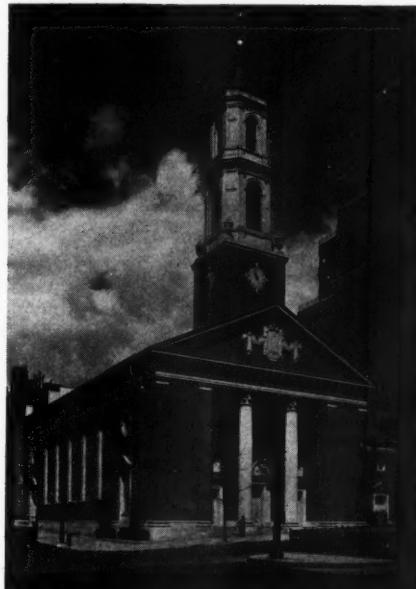
Music by Dr. CLARENCE DICKINSON

Brick Presbyterian Church, New York, morning service, March 24, 1946

SOME of the Presbyterians are trying to take the hit-or-miss out of their services in favor of something carefully prepared. It is as foolish for a clergyman to try to improvise his way through a service as it would be for an organist, as foolish to write all his own materials as for the organist to do so. I arrived early and looked through the service-book, which to the Brick Presbyterian is on a par with the Episcopal prayerbook; it borrows liberally therefrom, to its own good, with some of the Episcopal materials slightly reworded—to their improvement. The service:

FRESCOBALDI, PASSACAGLIA. At 10:51 Dr. Dickinson began on pianissimo strings so quietly so as not to distract any of the congregation lost in their own meditations (which all should have been). The prelude crescendoed somewhat, and though its title would indicate contrapuntal music (which is often too emphatic to serve adequately as a background) the effect was that of harmonic music (much more suitable for meditative preludial use). At 10:57 an acolyte lighted the two candles on the communion table. Dr. Dickinson crescendoed considerably to cover the noise as the Sunday-school children entered from left & right front doors and occupied the front pews at 11:01. The improvisation continued smoothly into the playing of the first

HYMN, which was taken at a moderate tempo, heartily by organ, choir, and congregation, and no pulpit announcement. At the end of each stanza Dr. Dickinson stopped his ff organ with the voices but held, possibly for a second, a pp chord; since this is written to instruct Miss Soosie as to what details



THE BRICK PRESBYTERIAN, NEW YORK

A delightfully attractive building now six years old; the congregation was founded in 1767; its music has long made it one of the most famous non-liturgical churches in the City.

BRICK CHURCH CHANCEL
Console is on the unseen right side of the chancel where it is invisible to the congregation; mirrors back of choristers on the left give Dr. Dickinson visible control of entire choir.



impress an oldtimer, I'd advise her to cut the organ entirely with the voices after each stanza.

CALL TO WORSHIP was the minister's, but the choir closed it with an amen without any pitch-giving from the organ that I detected—and that was precisely as it should be.

PRAYER OF CONFESION, minister & congregation, borrowed from the Episcopalians and printed in full on the calendar.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON, minister, with Episcopal prayer-book flavor, and good, ending in

THE LORD'S PRAYER, by everybody; spoken amen. Dr. Dickinson improvised to let the lazy people, who can never get anywhere on time, be seated.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AND PSALTER began with four responsive statements between minister and congregation, and ended with the responsive reading of a Psalm.

GLORIA PATRI was sung heartily by everybody with but a chord from the organ and, as I recall it, no break between that chord and the singing. Every experienced organist knows it is ridiculously easy to train even a volunteer choir so they can come in on such a bit of singing so promptly after the chord is sounded that it is difficult to realize the chord was actually sounded first. Why don't more of us earn our money by attention to such essentials? The sung amen was short & snappy, as amens invariably should be, and then Dr. Dickinson diminished his organ sharply to pp for more of the lazy Presbyterians to find seats.

"O LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME," PERGOLESI, began with tenor solo and a perfect organ accompaniment; it was sung by junior & adult choirs, the former comprising seven young boys, thirteen young girls, and ten slightly older girls, all having scrambled into the rear gallery during the prelude, their director, Lloyd Pfautsch, seated in front of them and to their left, from which position he could see signals from Dr. Dickinson. The children sang a solo passage alone in unison and then sang along with the chancel chorus. I suppose laymen think this sort of a thing is necessary; and possibly, in spite of the distractions introduced by children's choirs, it must be conceded that to get the kids into church on any pretext is beneficial to them and their parents, no matter how disastrous to the service. These youngsters sang from memory.

SCRIPTURE LESSON, and with no preludial remarks and no delay,

CHILDREN'S SERMON, beginning at 11:21. I intended to time it but forgot. Anyway it was short and, since I made no contrary notes, must have been sensible. "Let's sing our next hymn," said the minister, in closing his sermonette, which was quite sufficient announcement and snappy enough to make sense.

HYMN was sung to strong but not overpowering organ, with choir & congregation really singing; Dr. Dickinson helps his congregation by strong but not murderous organ, and a quite leisurely but never soggy tempo—and the congregation certainly responds to that type of leadership. Dr. Dickinson also sees to it that his paid chorus (some with upturned noses) sing those hymns heartily as they are paid to do. The children, both downstairs and rear gallery, scrambled out during this hymn.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.

PRAYER, beginning with, responsively, "The Lord be with you, And with thy spirit. Let us pray." Good pause, for congregation to assume prayer posture. Then more responsive statements from the Episcopalians, followed by prayers that seemed to come from the Presbyterian service-book. And at the end of all these things, long after the choir should have forgotten any key, they sang an amen with, again, no evident introduction from the organ. Dr. Dickinson then improvised while eight men came forward to collect the money; the clergyman read a sentence that, in the commercial world, would be taken as a broad hint at bribery; why not be honest about it and say, 'Here, it costs money to run this church; now pay.' When the men began to collect the money, Dr. Dickinson continued the improvisation long enough to get them well started, and then

"THE EVERLASTING MERCY," WEAGLY, a moody anthem on an unusual John Masefield text. At its conclusion, improvisation and the collectors finally come (not run) forward with the money,

PRESENTATION AND CONSECRATION, Dr. Dickinson moving so brilliantly into the key & mood that the congregation really sang the "Doxology" and then the last stanza of "America," the money-collectors all the while standing before the communion table.

SERMON began at 11:50.

HYMN, BENEDICTION, CHORAL AMEN, SIMONDS, DAY OF JUDGMENT.

Why don't people in church behave like friendly humans? I was at the aisle end of the rear pew in the balcony; there were certainly some members of the Brick congregation there too, but when a lady tried to find a place, nobody paid the least attention, so I moved into the aisle and made it easy for her to find a place in my pew—sort of a welcoming committee of one—an act I'm sure she appreciated by the way she thanked me. Now why did not some member of the congregation have enough Christian cooperativeness in his heart to do what I a total stranger had to do instead? I often think there is nobody in this world quite so unfriendly as a thoroughly good churchman.

Anyway, if you want to see how a nonliturgical church can

put on a liturgically smooth service, visit the Brick Presbyterian when Dr. Dickinson is at the console. What's wrong with the church? Selfishness, for one thing. There were twenty-four distinct items listed in the printed order of service, the clergy leading in exactly twelve, the organist leading in exactly twelve. The clergy had their names on the front page. The organist's name was on the last page. Who was it said something about those that want to be first shall be last, and those who are last may possibly come out first?—T.S.B.

Hugh Giles' Musicales

Three mixed programs, Central Presbyterian, New York

• The first of this season's three concerts presented the Britt Trio of strings with organ solos by Mr. Giles; the second was choral music by Mr. Giles' Central Church choir; the third was the Saidenberg Little Symphony of strings with one organ concerto.

- *t. Beethoven's Serenade in D (6 mvts.)
- o. Franck, Chorale Bm
- t. Jean Cras' Trio (4 mvts.)
- o. Tournemire, Grave & Caprice
- o. Vierne, Berceuse; Divertissement.
- o. Milford, Ben Johnson's Pleasure
- o-t. Mozart's Sonata C
- *"Magnificat," Bach
- w. "Virgin on Calvary," Joaquin Nin
- w. "And the angel woke," Nin
- "Benedictus" ("Mass Fm"), Bruckner
- *s. Purcell's Suite (8 mvts.)
- s. Corelli's Christmas Concerto (5 mvts.)
- o-s. Handel's Concerto Bf.
- s. Hindemith, Das Neue Werke, Op.44-4
- s. Frank Bridge's Suite (4 mvts.)

Franck's Chorale, opening on solid 8' flutes & Diapasons, was a welcome relief from the thin fine lines of the string trio, and later in the quiet passage of the Chorale Mr. Giles put the strings to shame in their own field by playing the section on massed strings with some woodwind and a Tremulant—which made delightfully rich listening. The whole Chorale was kept alive and full of drive, a fine interpretation. •

When a man writes good music, even if not for organ, it is worth noting. Jean Cras, a French marine captain, not a professional musician, was born in 1879 and died in Paris in 1932; he was self-taught but this Trio of his was real music, not commonplace, always sane and interesting.

In the first Tournemire there was an interesting contrast between the coloring of the high and low octaves of a

good flute, showing chiefly that a composer does only half the work and an artistic performer must do the rest. This again was proved in the Milford, which Mr. Giles made quite enjoyable; it has that nice little tune in it, "Drink to me only with thine eyes." Mozart brought this program to a good close by the organ's support of the strings.

Bach's "Magnificat" isn't very interesting; it has the length of a cantata but not its musical values. But again Mr. Giles gave a rather astonishing demonstration of how to train a choir and then lead it through a performance. There were about 24 in the chorus, all trained voices, and their work in Bach was therefore cleaner and more sharply defined than a larger chorus could make it; the men's section was particularly good—I don't believe I've heard a better men's section in any choir. They have good tone, stamina, precision; they seem to enjoy singing. And when they sing in public for Mr. Giles he completely ignores them. He ignores his whole choir. He does his part, they do theirs; he knows they will because that's the way he trained them. It's delightful.

The essence of Bach was sometimes lost by the solo voices; Bach demands sentiment and feeling, but not of the variety used on other composers. This is a most difficult thing for vocal soloists to realize; they try to do too much; better just let Bach do it.

The two Spanish folksongs for women's voices were delightful music, beautifully done, with piano accompaniment.

Bruckner wrote music that deserves greater use; the "Benedictus" was grandly impressive and beautiful, never missing its mark.

Other church organists might learn a lot from observing how Mr. Giles works with his choir in these special musicales. If the choristers were not so completely wrapped up in their music, not so completely the masters of it, they might have a right to feel slighted by Mr. Giles' conduct. He just doesn't know they are around anywhere. And that, say we, is Choir Training.

There is no need to go into details on the Saidenberg string ensemble, other than to note how tremendously the organ added to the fulness when it came time for Handel's Organ Concerto.

Why does Central Presbyterian put on these programs? They must cost quite a little. Possibly the Church realizes it owes itself to the community, and is trying to live up to its opportunities & obligations. No other church in the City is doing it, though it deserves to be done. The minister prefaces each program with an informal welcome and then a prayer; the music is the Church's gift to the community and no collection is taken. Central Church is fortunate in having an organist who excels in all three vital phases: as solo organist, as accompanist, and as choir-master.—T.S.B.



BRICK CHURCH GALLERY

Junior choir occupies the left of three sections of gallery seats, its director dividing his attention between them and Dr. Dickinson at the console directly opposite him.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

In which the members of the profession and industry speak for themselves through the record of their actions and thus provide food for thought on topics of current importance to the world of the organ.

Says the Old Grouch— on Big Choruses and Little Repertoires

MORE Truman-sponsored inflation. Effective with the March issue another service entering into the make-up of T.A.O. increased prices 20%. Last month I reported the fourth inflation-forced increased cost of our engravings; this new inflationary move deals with an entirely different matter.

Materials in themselves cost nothing. Nobody pays a penny for the sheet of paper on which this is printed, nor for that diamond in your ring; all the money goes for the labor in finding or processing and shipping and marketing the paper and the diamond—nobody ever gave the diamond itself even a penny; laborers or others who spent time on it, got all the money you paid for it.

So to increase wages and then say hold prices is merely the trademark of either an idiot or a cheat. And America has so long trusted its governmental affairs to both idiots and cheats that the alarming results are now beginning to be painful. That is perfectly all right for anyone who wants to pay twice as much for that new organ or choralprelude or pound of butter, and he in turn has had his income increased so he can afford it; it is anything but all right for the rest of us and the sooner we begin to devote a little of our time & energies each day in fighting these idiots and cheats, the better it will be for culture and decency in this land of ours.

That is the major problem before the organ world today. If it isn't, then won't some vastly intelligent reader explain in words of one syllable why our organbuilders are still not permitted to build organs?

—t.s.b.—

A delightful voice now crying in the wilderness of semi-idiocy is that of Mr. R. Vernon Steele, Editor of the Pacific Coast Musician—Philharmonic Auditorium Building, Los Angeles 13, Calif., two dollars a year. When Mr. Colby died, Mr. Steele, long associated with P.C.M., became Editor. And, surprisingly, began talking sense right off the bat. Somewhat like the late Dr. Harvey B. Gaul. Neither of them could see anything to be gained by the usual policy of avoiding controversies and saying only what 99.9% of their readers would agree with.

Mr. Steele seems to be a hot-headed person. If you are tired of platitudes and want to get inspiration, better subscribe to P.C.M. and read the Editorial page. He knows what he is talking about; he is never a copy of some other person's notions; his notions are emphatically his own and most wholesome for the world of music.

—t.s.b.—

I wonder why more of our readers do not use the new postal notes instead of continuing with the awkward time-losing money-orders. These postal notes are purchased as easily as stamps, no forms to fill out, no waiting for clerks to write in the record; they cost less than a money-order. The buyer then fills in the name and address of the payee and his own name and address; one tab is torn off and kept as the record of payment.

This is the second important improvement in service made by the postoffice in recent years; the other was the zone system for our largest cities. Incidentally the postoffice is still hard hit and far from its normal efficiency, through not the least fault of its own.

—t.s.b.—
One Sunday I heard a paid chorus of some two dozen voices do a fine service in which both the anthem and the hymn-leading were perfectly satisfactory. The next Monday I heard another paid chorus of about the same size do Bach's "Magnificat" and an excerpt from Bruckner's "F-Minor Mass," and again the small chorus was perfectly satisfactory. Then on Tuesday I heard a chorus of some two hundred voices do Bach's "B-Minor" and the only safe course for such a chorus was to drive for broad line-effects and forget all about detail.

But if that chorus of two hundred had been reduced to forty voices, and the accompanying orchestra of union musicians had been cut from fifty to twenty, with twice or three times as much rehearsal, which in that event could then have been financially possible without increased cost, the results would have been infinitely finer. Possibly nobody wants fine results in the Bach "B-Minor." Possibly many of us think that the satisfaction of singing or hearing that grand work should be sufficient without skill in details.

I'm not too sure about that, however. We have a recording of the "Mass" by a much smaller organization and that recording convinces me it would be a good thing if, at least in our four largest cities, there were enough musically-minded, not circus-minded, people to support a small chorus & orchestra of the size suggested, for the performance of really great choral masterpieces—and I don't mean "The Messiah" or any of the other commonplace things.

An objector says a small chorus in Carnegie Hall would sound small. Why then can a lone violinist or soprano give a recital in Carnegie satisfactorily?

I believe it impossible for any chorus of a hundred voices to do as fine work on either Bach's "B-Minor" or Clokey's "When the Christ Child Came" as I heard Dr. Robert Baker's very small chorus do on the latter (climax and all) and Dr. Clarence Dickinson's and Mr. Hugh Giles' small choruses do in their respective service and concert.

We like to be fooled. It is so tiresome to have to think for ourselves and reach our own conclusions—for we must take the consequences if we do that. Just let somebody else tell us what to think and what to do, and then they not we take the consequences. Simple, isn't it?

So we'll go right along trying to kid ourselves with our grand choruses of seven hundred voices. At least we make the head-lines that way and get an audience.

—t.s.b.—

Every time I go to an organ recital I am forced to listen to a lot of trash. I don't mind giving a careful hearing to the work of some new composer, don't object to being forced to give an important-looking work a second hearing; but I do object to being forced to hear bits of meaningless jumble dozens of times, merely because I still like the organ and want to hear some of its good literature.

I believe the trouble is that we have no musical judgment, only technical. Just now I'm looking through Musical Opinion and find a review of an Album of Trumpet Tunes by Purcell, arranged for organ by Henry Coates. Now why in all tarnation should anyone in his right mind give one polite darn about hearing any trumpet tune by Purcell in 1946? Nor anything at all by Tournemire or any of the other wornout Frenchmen whose church pieces have no rightful place on any recital program?

I would like to know how many recitalists have played any of the following compositions and how often:

Rowland Leach's Seven Casual Brevities,
August Maekelberghe's Triptych or Fantasia,
Miles Martin's Canonical Suite,
Tertius Noble's Legend (vastly superior to any of his choralpreludes),

Everett Titcomb's Scherzo and even, in spite of their restrictive titles, some of his church pieces,

Jaromir Weinberger's Sonata (his Bible Poems have had a good reception, considering the laziness of the organicist mind).

Robert Bedell, Jean Pasquet, Richard Purvis, each has produced some real gems in smaller forms. Others too. Richard Keys Biggs' Prelude on Bach, for example. John Haussermann is another; both his Seven Chorals and his Three Gothic Sketches are superior music of the type our recitalists are searching so diligently for whenever a ship lands from France—and lo & behold, here is just such music by one of our own Americans.

This annoying Editorial page you can skip and no harm done you, but these miserable French and other foreign noises on recital programs cannot be skipped; you gotta sit right there and hear the things whether you want to or not, and it isn't fair.

I should stop this, but I've just thought of one more American who has produced four splendid recital pieces—Alexander Russell's St. Lawrence Sketches. I'm beginning to get angry about this. Without the least research I've unearthed a lot of truly fine music going to waste while trash floats across the Atlantic and gets such a welcome as would nauseate any of us if we weren't musicians. Oh well, it won't do any good but I still think it's worth fighting for.—T.S.B.

Oratorio Society's "B-Minor"

Carnegie Hall, New York, March 26, Alfred Greenfield conducting

• As difficult a job as an organist ever faced (and primarily Mr. Greenfield was a church organist) was completed with commendable success in the Society's "twentieth complete performance" of Bach's mass, with chorus much too large and orchestra beyond adequate rehearsal control. So successful at times was Mr. Greenfield that, in spite of printed injunction to the contrary, the audience attempted to burst into applause, which the Conductor nipped in the bud with a simple but eloquent gesture of his hands, without even turning to face the audience. The New York Oratorio Society was founded by Leopold Damrosch in 1873; this is its 73rd season. Mr. Greenfield became conductor for the 1943-44 season upon the death of Albert Stoessel.

It may be regrettable, but it is no secret that most such choral organizations are built for numbers rather than efficiency; a conductor must take what he finds and be content, or he will soon be replaced. Nor is it any secret that a union orchestra of fifty players assembled for isolated performances, such as this, is financially ruled out of adequate rehearsal—it would take a millionaire to pay the bill otherwise. To this reviewer, Lydia Summers, contralto, was the outstanding solo success, and the rhythmic vitality of the chorus-work was Mr. Greenfield's. What he did, in spite of the handicap of numbers, was sometimes thrilling, either for a gripping climax or occasional delicate nuance. Overall effect was the general aim, not niceties in details; it has to be that way in large choruses and occasional orchestras.

The "B-Minor" is musical music from start to finish, no padding, no let-downs, no fumbling. Carnegie Hall was virtually packed for its performance. As a conductor, batonless Mr. Greenfield is a credit to the organ world from which he originated and a credit to the concert hall; he indicates what he wants without making you wish he



ALFRED GREENFIELD

conductor of the New York Oratorio Society who presented Bach's "B-Minor Mass" with chorus & orchestra in Carnegie Hall, March 26, the Society's 20th performance of the complete work.

didn't. Don't let us be silly enough to talk about perfection of detail when such is ruled out by the size of the chorus and union rules of orchestra rehearsals; in every other aspect it was a grand feast of one of the world's greatest choral masterpieces, performed under sufficiently masterful directing to make some of its climaxes and delicacies hardly short of astonishing.

And now for the benefit of other conductors, a few details. Pauses between numbers were ideally timed, neither too short nor too long; one seemingly-long pause was deliberately used, and most effective—since this was not an entertainment but something more spiritual in value. The soloists sat together, forward of the chorus, slightly to the conductor's right, and though they never rose to sing the choruses they certainly were singing most of them just the same, probably because a good vocalist can't be around the Bach "B-Minor" without wanting to sing it. Absence of applause until the end was a relief and didn't in the least dampen the spirit of the chorus. The performance was announced to begin at 8:00 p.m. and it began at 8:00 p.m. There were possibly a half-dozen women in the orchestra; women played the wood-winds—too loud for accompaniment purposes as women almost always do. The two brass (cornets or trumpets?) played by men were much worse. Any organist who still believes that ancient fable about the importance of Diapasons and flutes for accompanimental purposes should take a look at what Bach demanded in the "B-Minor"; the Diapason falsehood would choke to death in one gasp. Carnegie Hall's beautifully interred organ was used for accompanying also, along with the orchestra, Dr. Hugh Porter, organist; there was the grand piano too. Chorus numbered possibly two hundred—orchestra possibly fifty.

Returning to the review, it was more in the nature of a religious occasion than entertainment; some of its most successful moments will survive in many memories for many a day.—T.S.B.

Great at the Bottom

• "Based on experiences in Germany last year, I like the idea of having the Great played from the bottom manual and the others arranged progressively according to tonal strength of the divisions they represent."—NORMAN RUDDEROW.

SPECIAL SUMMER COURSES

Facts About Special Courses Offered Organists This Summer

Index of Current Summer Courses

- *Herewith is a summary of the summer courses advertised in these pages for the current season.*

American Conservatory, organ, choir-work, theory; Chicago, May 15 to June 23, June 24 to Aug. 4; current issue.

Assembly's Training School, organ, choir-work, congregational singing; Richmond, Va., July 31 to Aug. 14; current issue.

Grace Leeds Darnell, junior-choir work; New York, Aug. 5 to 15; April page 90.

Eastman School of Music, organ, service-playing, repertoire; Rochester, N.Y., June 21 to Aug. 2; current issue.

Peabody Conservatory, full course, organ with Edouard Nies-Berger; Baltimore, Md., June 24 to Aug. 3; March p.82; April 107.

G. Darlington Richards, boychoir work; New York, July 16 to 26, Aug. 5 to 16; current issue.

Wa-Li-Ro, boychoir work; Put-in-Bay, Ohio, July 3 to 8; current issue.

Wellesley Conference, complete course on church-music problems; Wellesley, Mass., June 24 to July 3, current issue.

Westminster Choir College, specializing in choir-work, organ with Dr. Alexander McCurdy; Princeton, N.J., July 22 to Aug. 11; April p.90.

ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL: James R. Sydnor, director, had his education in Westminster Choir College, Peabody Conservatory, and School of Sacred Music; he organized and continues to direct church-music departments in the General Assembly's Training School, and in Union Theological Seminary, Richmond. Ruth Krehbiel Jacobs has long been a specialist in children's choirs. Dr. David Hugh Jones will deal with organ-playing and conducting. Courses will include choir training, vocal methods, repertoire, children's-choir methods, congregational singing, etc.; there will be two demonstration or laboratory choirs, one adult, the other children.

EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC: Two concert artists will be available for organ instruction, Catharine Crozier and Harold Gleason, with special attention to repertoire covering all periods of organ composition, Miss Crozier playing representative works, Mr. Gleason lecturing on them individually—analysis, style, registration, etc. This summer, contemporary American organ compositions will be featured, with a performance of Sowerby's 'Symphony' as the climax. Miss Crozier will deal with service-playing and Mr. Gleason with teaching-methods based on his book on that subject recently published.

G. DARLINGTON RICHARDS: The elite St. James' Church and its boychoir have long been musical fixtures in New York City, made so by Mr. Richards. He is exclusively an advocate of boychoirs and this year his St. James' choir celebrates the 60th anniversary of its founding.

WA-LI-RO: The Choirmaster Conference is only one phase of Wa-Li-Ro activities; the other is the summer-camp for boy choristers, at Put-in-Bay, a small village on South Bass Island, in Lake Erie, established in 1934. Here boy choristers, especially from Episcopal churches, have an ideal summer vacation under constant supervision, every phase of their welfare guarded, and daily rehearsal periods. It is the ideal combination of work & play; conference for choirmasters, especially those directing boychoirs, climaxes the period. Dr. Willan will prepare and direct a service, Mr. Clewell teaches theory and sight-reading, Mr. Blodgett will bring his own choir for a demonstration of plainsong, and Mr. Norris lectures on ritual and the proper music for special services. The 9th annual Wa-Li-Ro choir festival service will be held May 19 in Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, Mr. Beymer directing.

WELLESLEY: This, one of the oldest church-music sum-

mer conferences, takes on new vigor with a new dean and reinforced faculty. William Strickland's army career was not as great a handicap to him as that career has been to other organists, for he was able to keep to his profession and even go so far as to found and direct that famous Army Music School, headquarters at Fort Myer, where he trained bandmasters and other music leaders. Paul Callaway has been released from the army and will return to Washington to direct the music of the Cathedral; at the Wellesley Conference he teaches organ repertory and playing. Mr. Friedell, with a highly successful adult chorus of his own in New York, teaches modern choir methods. Mr. Apgar teaches church-music history and will deal with examples of church music from all periods and styles. Dr. Snow will deal with boychoir training and Mr. Titcomb with his specialty, the higher liturgical aspects of church music of today. One of the four concerts will be devoted to contemporary American music; all will be presented in Wellesley College Chapel housing a 4m Aeolian-Skinner. Mr. Strickland directs the Conference chorus, composed of members of the summer school, and his American program will include E. Power Biggs as guest soloist and a string ensemble from the Boston Symphony. Compositions for this program include commissioned works by Ellis Kohs, Gail Kubik, Robert Ward, Cecil Effinger, for organ & strings, and chorus & strings & organ. Housing will be provided for all registrants in Wellesley College dormitories.

Please Don't be Presumptuous

• Because T.A.O. has been publishing many stoplists and photos of German organs, and expects to continue to do so, is no reason for any man's thinking T.A.O. believes these German organs are better than or even as good as American organs. We believe all American organbuilders and organ fans are and should properly be interested in seeing how organs are built in all lands everywhere; our delightful G.I.'s

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August Maekelberghe's

• Scherzo Impromptu for orchestra had its first performance March 14 in Detroit, Karl Krueger directing the Detroit Symphony. Mr. Maekelberghe has contributed two published works of importance to organ repertoire, both earning high praise in these columns. Of the new orchestral work, J. Dorsey Callaghan in the Free Press says it is "a most delightfully melodic and interesting work . . . contrived in a musicianly manner"; Russell McLaughlin in the News says Mr. Maekelberghe "has done a most interesting thing, full of surprising but perfectly legitimate devices, but never letting these obscure the main line, which marches on from start to finish in considerable eloquence"; and Charles Gentry in the Times says "it is masterfully composed and has appealing thematic material; it is the kind of work which you like upon hearing the first time, but still feel that you would enjoy even more after a repeat." All three critics indulged in longer praise than our quotations. We provide them here to prove that these organ works (issued by J. Fischer & Bro. and the H. W. Gray Co.) merit more attention than they have been receiving.—ED.

Service by Pushing a Button

Recorded service to be tried in a Washington Methodist church

• Mount Vernon Place Methodist, Washington, D.C., R. Deane Shure organist, Dr. John W. Rustin minister, is installing equipment to phonographically provide a thirty-minute service whenever wanted.

"We are starting this before Easter, to be here permanently. A small room is being appropriately decorated and equipped with a machine, back of the altar, which will play service music, responsive readings, prayers, etc. An individual may go into this miniature church, press a button, and get the 'service' in a beautiful setting. The room will be attractive and conducive to meditation."

"We have purchased a machine which will run for thirty minutes, also a recording-machine to make new recordings as desired.

"We figure that children go into joints and put a nickel in the slot to hear jazz; why not drop into a church, when they care to do so, and drop a nickel in the slot to hear lovely church music, Bible readings, responses, etc.?"

[Phonograph recordings of copyrighted music for this purpose, since they are not sold but used only in the church in which they originate, would hardly encounter legal difficulties; but written permission of the copyright-owners is not only a courtesy but also a moral & legal obligation that should not be neglected. T.A.O. hopes to tell more of this venture in later columns.]

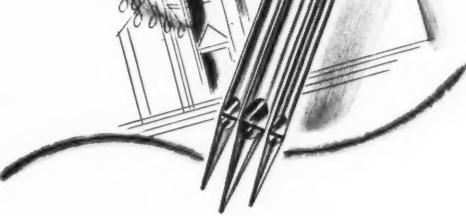
A Thought for the Month

• We know and accept the fact that the larger part of artistic production is and always has been inferior, but we know, too, that the smaller part may well deserve a permanent place in our scheme of things. We should always be ready to welcome this smaller part with interest and enthusiasm.—DR. DAVID MCK. WILLIAMS, from his 'sermon' in St. Bartholomew's, New York.

More Roosevelt-NewDeal-Truman Inflation

• "In order to meet the recent increase in wages, holiday payments, and vacations, we are forced to increase our selling rate," said our engraver Feb. 28, 1946. This is the fourth increase in less than three years.

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by the Detroit Symphony and won united
praise from all Detroit newspaper critics

Dr. Bidwell's Small Organ

By GEORGE NORMAN TUCKER
Organist, St. Stephen's, Pittsburgh

• When Dr. Marshall Bidwell wants to practise, nothing's going to stop him—and that's what his new studio organ is for. Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, is one of the busiest places of its type on the continent; golden hours for practise on its large Aeolian-Skinner are just not sufficiently available.

Dr. Bidwell's studio is one story above the concert hall, and above the studio is another room of the same size. Pipework was installed in this upper room and the organ speaks down into the studio through a 6x8 grille in the floor. Blower and relays, in a separate room just off the pipework room, are completely noiseless to all in the studio.

The tone-opening was cut in the center of the pipe-room, the pipes standing on three sides of the opening. Chests on the two sides hold the low pipes of Diapason and Bourdon, no mitering necessary; all other pipes are on the main chest, 15' long, at the head of the opening.

The stoplist speaks for itself but a few comments may be helpful. An attempt was made, both in design and voicing, to avoid the usual hooty quality found too often when a Bourdon is unified. The overall effect of the Gemshorn unit is superb, and its treatment helps preserve clarity in the upper octave.

Diapason is of rather large scale, but is not overpowering even when used with light combinations; yet when combined with the smooth, round-toned Oboe and all stops of the Gemshorn unit, a satisfying big-organ ensemble effect is obtained.

The piston giving synthetic-Oboe ef-

fect is worth noting; it gives a round tone rather than nasal.

Console is equipped with shoes and toe-pistons to agree with the 4m in the auditorium, making practise more effective; this accounts for the extra crescendo-shoe (a dummy taking the position of the Solo shoe in the auditorium console).

This little organ was officially opened in May 1945. The highlight of the occasion was the playing of Gigout's Grand Choeur Dialogue with Clyde English playing the studio organ and Dr. Bidwell playing the 4m in the concert hall, the doors of all connecting rooms open. The studio organ cannot be heard when the doors are closed. This playing was so interesting that it was repeated at one of the formal recitals in Music Hall, with Charles A. H. Pearson playing the studio organ.

PITTSBURGH, PA.

DR. MARSHALL BIDWELL STUDIO
Console, Moller
Stoplist, Dr. Bidwell

Erected, Moorehouse-Bowman-Brandt
V-4. R-4. S-20. B-16. P-316.

PEDAL:

16 Bourdon
8 Diapason
Bourdon
Gemshorn
4 Bourdon

GREAT:
8 DIAPASON 73
Bourdon
Gemshorn

4 Diapason
Bourdon
Gemshorn

SWELL:

16 BOURDON 85
8 Diapason
Bourdon
GEMSHORN 85

4 Bourdon
Gemshorn
2 2/3 Gemshorn
2 Gemshorn
8 OBOE 73

Tremulant
COUPLERS 13:
Ped.: G-8-4. S-8-4.
Gt.: G-16-8-4. S-16-8-4.
Sw.: S-16-8-4.

Crescendos 2: S. Register. (Middle
shoe is a dummy).

Combons 10: G-3. S-4. Tutti-3.

Reversibles 2: G-P. Full-Organ.

Fixed piston: Synthetic Oboe effect
on Swell at 8' (drawing 8' Gemshorn,
4' Bourdon, 2 2/3' Gemshorn).

That Small-Organ Problem

By AN ECONOMIST

• One of our readers circulating in or about Long Island knows how to work a postcard to death; believe it or not, all the following comes from that card. He didn't have room to sign it, but no matter:

Refer—Tiny Organ, as a fan or dabbler and a practising organist rolled into one. The following stoplist was built:

V-6. R-6. S-6. B-0. P-409.

PEDAL

16 Bourdon 44

GREAT

8 Violin Diapason 73m
Gedeckt 73m

4 Waldfloete 73w

SWELL

8 Echo Diapason 73m
Viola 73m

All necessary 16-8-4 couplers. A fine job, exquisitely voiced—in two chambers. But my! How limited. Tiny. So the foregoing job was extended and rewired:

V-6. R-6. S-16. B-10. P-433.

PEDAL:

V-1. R-1. S-3.
32 Resultant
16 Bourdon 44w

Gedeckt

GREAT: V-3. R-3. S-6.

Chamber 1

8 Violin Diapason 73m
Gedeckt 85m

Melodia 73w

4 Violin Diapason

Melodia

2 Gedeckt

SWELL: V-2. R-2. S-7.

Chamber 2

16 Viola tc 73
8 Viola

4 Viola

Chamber 3

8 Echo Diapason 85m

4 Echo Diapason

2 2/3 Echo Diapason

2 Echo Diapason

Couplers 4: G-P. S-P. S-G. Pedal
String 4' (from Viola).

Crescendos 4: G. S. S. Register.

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DR. BIDWELL'S CONSOLE
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Photo by Mr. Tucker.



Column closes the first day of each month. The aim is to show services by organists of nationwide fame and services giving unusual materials.

• DR. ROBERT BAKER

First Presbyterian, Brooklyn
March Morning Services

*Bach, Prelude Bm; Sinfonia F.

Blessed is the man, Rachmaninoff
Jesu Joy of man's desiring, Bach

a. Eye hath not seen, Gaul

*Widor, 6: Allegro

Franck, Adagio; Fantasie C.

Sing ye praise, Mendelssohn

Greater love hath no man, Ireland

a. O God Thy goodness, Beethoven

*Mendelssohn's Sonata 2

As waves of storm-swept ocean, Haydn

O Lord of love, Brahms

b. O God have mercy, Mendelssohn

*Purcell, Trumpet Voluntary

Vivaldi, Con. Dm: Adagio

Lo my Shepherd, Haydn

Beneath the shadow, Dickinson

*Bach, Toccata C; Adagio Am.

Wash me thoroughly, Wesley

Lord is my rock, Woodman

b. Alleluia, Hummel

Choir of 10—4s. 2c. 2t. 2b.

• WALTER BAKER

First Baptist, Philadelphia
February & March Choral Music

Purcell, Rejoice in the Lord

Gounod, Lovely appear

Mendelssohn, How Lovely

Bach, All breathing life

Matthews, Benedictus es

Thiman, Immortal Invisible

Rowley, Praise

Malotte, Lord's Prayer

Purvis, Lamb of God

Schubert, Lord is my Shepherd

Dvorak, Tears of pity

Stainer, God so loved the world

Strickland, O be joyful

Gaul, My soul is athirst

Dvorak, O my Savior

Gounod, Gallia

Thompson, Into the woods

Mozart, Ave Verum

Morning service is sung by quartet of soloists; the evening musicales (see Nov. p.296) are sung by chorus of 50, Mr. Baker conducting, Claribel Thomson organist.

• DEWITT K. BOTT

Park Church, Elmira

'Development of Religious Music'

Ancient Hebrew, Shema yisroel; Boruch. Modern Hebrew: Lewandowski, Kol nidre

Gregorian: Lamentatio; Laudate Dominum; Gloria Patri.

Plainsong: 10th cent., Agnus Dei

Ingegneri, Tenebrae factae sunt

Durante, Kyrie

Bach, Break forth O beauteous

Mendelssohn, Hear my prayer

Brahms, How lovely

Parker, Magnifica & Nunc dimittis

Mueller, Lo God is here

Thiman, Thy church O God

Handel, Hallelujah Chorus

Program presented by Thursday Morning Musicales; choir of 40 voices from five church choirs. Audience was asked to join in the final "Hallelujah Chorus."

• MADGE WOODWARD CLAYTON

First Methodist, South Bend

March Morning Services

*Bach, We Thank Thee Lord

Saint-Saens, Benediction

FACTS WITHOUT PADDING

Come unto Him, Hawley
Brother James air, Jacobs
*Bach, Blessed Jesus at Thy Word
Nicode, Repentance
God my Shepherd, Bach
Blessed Jesu, Dvorak
*Edmundson, Two Choral preludes
Handel, Prelude & Fugue Fm
Lord's Prayer, Des Voignes
No blade of grass, Bach
*Palestrina, Ricercare Fourth Tone
Franck, Chorale E
O Savior of the world, Goss
He that keepeth Israel, Schlosser
*Reger, Passion Chorale
Bossi, Ave Maria
Surely He hath borne, Handel
O Savior sweet, Bach

Adult choir of 50, junior choir of 30 (teen ages), Eton choir of 12 (ages 9 to 12). "We have an active music-committee who handle publicity for special occasions, such as our 'Messiah' performance, and who help in all ways possible. One Sunday our entire adult choir, plus husbands and wives, were guests of the Church for the Swedish Choral Club's performance of The 'Messiah' in Orchestra Hall, Chicago; in order to be there in time, we left our own service just before the sermon. Our minister is very appreciative and many times from the pulpit calls attention to a special anthem or solo."

• FREDERICK KINSLEY

*Riverside Church, New York

'Ministry of Music' Vespers

**Wagner, Lohengrin Prelude
Morning Hymn, Wagner (Meistersinger)
All praise to God, Wagner (Lohengrin)
Wagner, Parsifal Prelude

Hymn of Faith, Wagner (Parsifal)

Complete Organ Vespers

Bach, O Man Bemoan
Processional, Call to Worship, Invocation,
Lord's Prayer chanted, Scripture, Litany of
Aspiration (minister and choir).

Edmundson, Two Contrapuntal Preludes
Handel, Concerto 10

Vierne, 3: Cantilene

Bach, Two Choralpreludes

Widor, 6: Allegro

Prayer, Vesper Hymn, Recessional,
Benediction.

• CARL F. MUELLER

*Central Presbyterian, Montclair

February & March Choral Music

Stainer, God so loved the world

Bairstow, King of love

Tchaikovsky, Cherubim Song

Rowley, Praise

Mueller, Lord Thou hast been

Schutz, Pharisee and Publican

Bortniansky, Divine Praise

D.McK. Williams, King's Highway

Christiansen, Built on a Rock

Mueller, Guide me O Thou

Bach, At Thy feet

Whiting, Give ear O Shepherd

Zingarelli, Go not far from me

Mueller, Create in me a clean heart

H.A. Matthews, Come unto Him

Stanford, Nunc dimittis

Brahms, O Lord of love

Lutkin, What Christ said

Some Typical Preludes

*Hanff, A Mighty Fortress

Faulkes, A Mighty Fortress

Mueller, A Mighty Fortress

*Borowski, Son.3: First Mvt.

DeLamarter's Suite in Miniature

*Wagner, Lohengrin Prelude

Noble, Solemn Prelude

*Wilkes, Rose Window (4 Mvts.)

Adult chorus of 37 (10s. 10c. 5t. 12b.) sing the morning services; other choirs are highschool and junior. "We always sing two anthems, the first generally unaccompanied, the second, as an offertory, accompanied. I hope no one is ever guilty of singing unaccompanied anthems while money-collecting is going on."

• NEW HAVEN A.G.O.

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Choir Festival

Praise to the Lord, ar. Whitehead

King of love, Bairstow

Te Deum Bf, Willan

s. To all men, Bach ("St Matthew")

O come let us worship, Palestrina

O Thou Joy, Vittoria

Let Thy merciful ears, Weelkes

O sing unto the Lord, Hassler

Dupre, I Am Black but Comely

Ave Maris Stella 4

God is a Spirit, Kopyloff

Hail holy Light, Kastalsky

O Lamb of God, Sowerby

King of glory, Friedell

Cantate Domino, Beach

Members of 13 choirs participated, David Stanley Smith conducted, Hope Leroy Baumgartner accompanied, Ruth Tiedmann played the Dupre.

• THEODORE SCHAEFER

*Covenant Presbyterian, Washington

Vocal Music Jan. 6 to March 10

Bach, O Savior sweet

Prætorius, Now is the old year

a. Bach, Draw near to me

Chapman, All creatures of our God

Beach, Let this mind be in you

t-b. Davies, Grant me to rest in Thee

Whitehead, O blessed Spirit

Malin, Let all the world

t. Williams, The Call

Thiman, Immortal Invisible

s. Sowerby, O God of light

Ireland, Greater love hath no man

Kastalsky, God is with us

Blair, Lord Thou has been

Gibbons, O Lord increase my faith

Woodman, A Sword

at. Dickinson, Awake my heart's beloved

Holst, Psalm 148

Princeton Choir—Complete Service

Bells from Tower.

Bach, Prelude Em

Processional.

r. Jesus Thou Joy, Baker

Invocation, Lord's Prayer, Doxology, Scripture.

Ye watchers, trad.

He that dwelleth, Jones

Spirit of God, Atkinson

Prayer, Choral Amen, Student Address.

Jesus gentle Babe, Gevaert

Were you there, ar. Burleigh

Jesus Joy of man's desiring, Bach

Address, Offering.

Peeters, Adagio

off. King Jesus is a-listening, Negro

Gloria, Prayer, Recessional, Benediction,

Dresden Amen.

Bingham, Festal Song Prelude

This was the service when Princeton Theological Seminary choir (see April p.115) took over the morning service. Said a note on the calendar: "The hosts and hostesses of the choir will please gather in the Chapel at the close of the morning service, to greet our guests and welcome them to our homes."

• LAUREN B. SYKES

Multnomah School of Bible

Bach, Lord hear the voice

Gallus, God hath now ascended

Mendelssohn, Cast thy burden

Franck, Celestial Chorus

trio. Stainer, God so loved the world

trio. Mendelssohn, Lift thine eyes

Spirituals, Were you there

Cert'n Lord

Steal away

Mueller, Lord Jesus in the wintertime

Bortniansky, How greatly Thou

Sowry; God Who made the earth

Scholin, Tender love of Jesus

Mueller, Guide me O Thou

Diggle, Grant us Thy peace

This is a choir of 38 women's voices (11s.

9s. 10c. 8c.); program will have been given in some 20 cities before the season closes.

- DR. DAVID McK. WILLIAMS
St. Bartholomew's, New York
March Services
- *Communion Service, Harwood
- O Thou that hearest, Davies
- **Magnificat, Walmisley
- O Thou that hearest, Davies
- Hora Novissima excerpt, Parker
- Mulet, Toccata
- *O Lord most holy, Franck
- **Magnificat, Whiffield
- Thee Lord before the close, Gardiner
- Lead me Lord, Wesley
- *Benedicite, W.C.Gale
- All ye servants of the Lord, Elmore
- **Magnificat, Wood
- Silence in heaven, Holst
- Waters of Babylon, James
- Hear my prayer, Mendelssohn
- Reger, Toccata
- *Benedicite, Stokowski
- When the Lord turned again, Fanning
- **Magnificat, Sowerby
- Canticle of the Sun, Beach
- God be in my head, Davies
- Vierne, 3: Finale
- *Benedicite, Rile
- I cried to the Lord, Chajes
- **Magnificat, D.McK.Williams
- Walk to Emmaus, Davies
- Lord is my Shepherd, Parker
- Dallier, Contemplation
- *Benedicite and Benedictus, Williams
- If with all your hearts, Mendelssohn
- **Magnificat, Beach
- Messiah excerpts, Handel
- Willan, Fugue Efm

David Stanley Smith

- who retired in 1940 as dean of Yale University's School of Music, now relinquishes his professorship there and resigns as conductor of the new Haven Symphony, a post he held since 1919. Mr. Smith graduated from Yale in 1900 and holds its Mus.Bac. degree. He has composed four symphonies, two violin concertos, eight string quartets, etc.

Readers' Wants

- A copy of Audsley's Organ of the 20th Century is wanted by James C. Andrews, 104 Irvington St., S.W., Washington 20, D.C.

An organist, to be released from the navy in June, wants a position; he has had experience as a college organist, minister of music, and chapel organist for the navy. Address N.E.R., c/o T.A.O.

Frederic W. Bailey

- who died Dec. 22, 1945, was born April 3, 1879, in Worcester, Mass., had his schooling there, and then turned to music, studying organ with W. W. Farmer and Henry M. Dunham. He spent his entire life in Worcester, his first position being Park Avenue Methodist, 1894; in 1895 he went to Christ Church, 1899 to Old South Congregational, 1911 to Piedmont Church, 1924 to Old South again, 1932 to Second Scientist, 1935 to Holden Congregational, and in 1940 to the Second Scientist. He was also organist of Temple Emanuel and of his Masonic lodge.

In his earlier days as piano tuner he spent three years in the Chickering factory; a little later he did organ installation work for Steere Organ Co. He married Mary M. Kirby in 1905, by whom alone he is survived.

Not content with accepting things as he found them, he was instrumental in installing a 4m Steere in Piedmont Church and, later, a 4m Moller in Old South. Said he, hardly a year ago, "I have put on the finest concert organists in concerts in Worcester, from Clarence Eddy to Charlotte Lockwood. Now I am reaching the age when I wish organists had a retirement salary after fifty years of faithful effort. [Those who read



CLARENCE C. BIRCHARD
July 13, 1866 — Feb. 27, 1946

our Salary Percentages items will note that a few churches are already following Mr. Bailey's wish; they add annually to pension funds for their clergymen and organist.]

Clarence C. Birchard

• whose death on Feb. 27 was announced on April p.118, was born in Cambridge Springs, Pa., July 13, 1866, we are now informed by the Birchard Company, not 1867 as former information had it. His first business was as representative for textbook publishers; in 1901 he founded C. C. Birchard & Co., Boston, specializing in materials for music education in public schools, and community-singing. "Several million copies of his Twice 55 Community Songs were distributed, greatly stimulating the development of public participation in music. He was one of the founders of the Wa-Waw Press . . . beginning in the 1920's he issued a large number of major symphonic and choral works by American composers"—Ernest Bloch, Cadman, Chadwick, Converse, Clokey, Copland, Haines, Gaul, Hadley, Hanson, James, etc. "In his judgment, music books at the turn of the century were based mainly on European models . . . He was determined to provide music books of distinctly American character for use in the nation's schools." He is survived by his widow, Elna Kinander Birchard.

William E. Pilcher

• died March 14 in Louisville, Ky., after a minor operation. He was born Jan. 27, 1859, in St. Louis, became a choir boy, entered his father's organ business, continued the business that had been established by Henry Pilcher when he came to America from England in 1832, and finally abandoned organbuilding when M. P. Moller Inc. took over the entire assets in 1944.

Mother Georgia Stevens

• famous for her work in Pius X School of Liturgical Music, New York, died March 28. A review of her notable career is being prepared for a later issue.

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Corrections

• March p.86 said Dr. Robert Leech Bedell had been organist of St. Ann's, Brooklyn; that was wrong, it was Manhattan borough. Theodore H. Winkert, formerly of Holy Apostles, Brooklyn, was appointed to St. Ann's Brooklyn, in September 1945. Thanks to him for this correction of the record.

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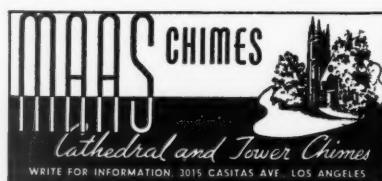
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May Events & Programs

• For the cities and dates of organ & harp concerts by Dr. Alexander McCurdy and Flora Greenwood see Feb. p.47.

Bethlehem, Pa.: Bach festival, see April p.114.

Cumberland, Md.: John S. Gridley's 8th in his 12-year complete-Bach series, May 7, 8:00, First Presbytarian, playing the Clavieruebung, part 3, 'The Dogma in Music' or 'Catechism Chorales.'

Grand Rapids: John M. Lewis recital of contemporary organ music, Fountain Street Baptist, May 5, 4:30.

New York: John Harms chorus gives Haydn's "Creation," Town Hall, May 14, 8:30, paid-admission audience.

Philadelphia: James Allen Dash directs Bach Festival Society's 8th annual two-day program, May 24, 25, Academy of Music.

Radio: Dr. Robert Leech Bedell, WNYC, Tuesdays at 11:20 a.m., e.s.t.

• EDWIN ARTHUR KRAFT
Lake Erie College, Painesville

May 8, 7:45

Marcello, Psalm 18

Faulkes, Concert Prelude & Fugue

Mozart, Romanze

Haydn, Menuetto

Guilmant, Funeral March & Hymn

Bairstow, Evening Song

Grieg, Norwegian Dance

Thatcher, Legend

Stoughton, Pygmies

d'Evry, Meditation & Toccata

• CLAUDE L. MURPHREE
University of Florida, Gainesville
May 5, 12, hour not named
Organ-Piano Concerto Programs

*Mozart, Con. D: Mvt. 1
Saint-Saens, Con. Gm: Two Mvts.

Chopin's Concerto Fm

*Haydn, Con. D: Mvt. 1

Mozart's Concerto Cm

Liszt's Concerto A

A. G. O. Festival

• Headquarters of the Guild announce the following events in New York City:

May 27: 4:00, Richard Keys Biggs recital, place not named; 6:30, annual meeting, Schrafft's, Fifth Ave. at 46th St.

May 28: 10:00 a.m., visit to Frick Museum, 10 East 71st St.; 4:00, Claire Coci recital, Church of Ascension, Fifth Ave. at 10th St.; 5:00, lecture (no other data); 8:30, service, St. Bartholomew's, Park Ave. at 50th St., combined choirs, Dr. David McK. Williams directing.

May 29: 10:00, meet at Guild office for visit to The Cloisters; 12:00, Edwin Arthur Kraft recital, place not named; 4:00, lecture;

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5:00, E. Power Biggs concert with string ensemble, St. Paul's Chapel, Columbia University; 8:00, service, St. John's Cathedral, Amsterdam Ave. and 113th St., Dr. Norman Coke-Jephcott directing.

May 30: 11:00, Ascension Day service, Old Trinity, Broadway at Wall St., with orchestra, Dr. George Mead directing; 1:00, Warden's luncheon to officers; 2:00, council meeting for officers; 4:00, Clarence Watters recital, St. Bartholomew's Church; 8:30, Flor Peeters recital, place not named.

May 31: 10:00, meet at Guild office for Radio City tour; 12:00, Dr. Robert Baker recital, Temple Emanu-El, Fifth Ave. and 65th St.; 4:00, lecture; 5:00, Claribel Thomson recital, place not named; 8:40, theater party.

[And any innocent out-of-towner planning to come for these events had better make sure of his hotel reservations first.—Ed.]

Conducting

• "It would be a good idea for folks who intend to lead choruses to learn how to conduct without waving their hands, clutching balls in the air, painting lilies, scrubbing washboards, knocking flies, and doing Hollywood gymnastics."—NOBLE CAIN, in Educational Music Magazine, March 1946.

Virgil Fox

• formerly of St. Mark's Lutheran, Hanover, Pa., later of Brown Memorial Presbyterian, Baltimore, and finally of the army forces in Washington, D.C., has been released from the army and on May 1 becomes organist of Riverside Church, New York City; scorning choir work, as he always has done, W. Richard Weagly, associated with him as choir-master in all his recent church activities, will direct the choir. It is said that attempts will be made to cure whatever it is that is wrong with the Hook-Hastings organ in Riverside—and all who have scrutinized Riverside's music, know something is wrong in this, one of the largest and most influential churches in the City. Dr. Harold Vincent Milligan was Riverside's organist when the new church was built; he was succeeded by Frederick Kinsley when he suffered a complete nervous break-down. Choir numbers some sixty paid voices.

Prizes & Competitions

• Herbert Elwell, teacher of composition in Oberlin Conservatory, has been awarded the \$1,000. Paderewski American-composers prize for his "Lincoln," for orchestra and chorus, setting a poem by J.G.Fletcher.

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JAMES R. SYDNR
director of the department of church music which he organized in 1938 for General Assembly Training School and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.

James R. Sydnor

Doing educational work in the south

• Mr. Sydnor was born on a March 8 in Rome, Ga., had his highschooling in Charles Town, W.Va., graduated from Rutgers University in 1938 with the B.A. degree, and earned his Mus.Bac. in 1935 in Westminster Choir College and his M.Mus. there in 1938; this winter he is preparing for his S.M.D. in the School of Sacred Music, New York. His organ teachers have been David Hugh Jones, Stephen Morrissey, Louis Robert, Carl Weinrich; others included Paul Boepple, Roy Harris, Ifor Jones, Nickolas Nabokoff, Dr. John Finley Williamson. In 1930 and again in 1943 he studied in Peabody Conservatory.

His first position was the Presbyterian Church, Charles Town, in 1924, followed by the Presbyterian in Hampden, Sydney, Va., 1929; thence to Englewood, N. J., West Side Presbyterian in 1933; Park Avenue Presbyterian, New York, 1935; Second Reformed, New Brunswick, N. J., 1937; and to the First Presbyterian, Richmond, Va., 1938.

In 1938 Mr. Sydnor went to the General Assembly's Training School and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, to organize a department of church music. "The former School is a college of religious education for the Presbyterian Church, having a student body of about a hundred. These girls go out into the southland and mission fields as directors of religious education, missionaries, teachers, organists, etc." Mr. Sydnor teaches the usual music subjects needed, including organ, voice, piano, and has two assisting teachers. In the Seminary he has charge of voice work, both in song and speech, and gives courses in music in its application to church work.

His father is a Presbyterian minister, and amateur organist, pianist, singer. He married Margaret Wylie in 1936 and they have

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two children, the eldest already playing "some mighty good parallel thirds on the piano."

Mr. Sydnor's future is to be devoted to educational work along the lines already in progress, for which his present year of schooling in New York is further fitting him.

R.C.O. Examinations

- in January 1946 passed 11 Fellows and 23 Associates.

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Past RECITALS

Confined to programs of special character or given by those who have made their names nationally important. This column closes on the first day of each month.

- **RICHARD KEYS BIGGS**
Scottish Rite, Tucson

"This recital is presented by the Southern Arizona Scottish Rite Cathedral in commemoration of the untiring devotion which John Marion McBride and William R. Voris gave to the cause of organ music."

*Marcello, Psalm 9

Couperin, Soeur Monique

Bach, Prelude G; Arioso.

Schumann, Sketch Fm

Russell, Bells of St. Anne

Vierne, Carillon

Borowski, Andante

Saint-Saens, Allegro Giocoso

Daquin, Cuckoo

Biggs, Prelude on Bach

Toccata—Deo Gratias

- **RICHARD T. GORE**
Westminster Church, Wooster

Sowerby, Toccata C

Gore, Prelude on Make Haste O God

Hindemith's Sonata 2

Franch, Chorale Bm

Mozart, Andante for Barrel Organ

Bach, O Man Thy Grievous Sin

Passacaglia

- **MARTHA ELIZABETH KLEIN**

St. Paul's Chapel, New York

*Karg-Elert, Ave Maria

Handel, Fugue Cm

Andrews, Celtic Melody

Sowerby, Arioso

Edmundson, Fanfare & Cortège

*Bonnet, Chant Triste

Whitlock, Canzona

Edmundson, Pax Vobiscum

Muffat, Toccata Cm

These are two of a Lenten series by Miss Klein.

- **LaVAHN MAESCH**

Lawrence Conservatory

Purcell, Trumpet Tune & Air

Buxtehude, From God I Ne'er

Clerambault, Dialogue

Frescobaldi, Toccata l'Elevazione

Pachelbel, Good News from Heaven

Felton, Gavot; Paspy; Jig.

o-s. Mozart, Three Sonata Excerpts

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Titcomb, Scherzo

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 - Thompson, To American Soldier
 - McAmis, Dreams
 - Nevin, Will o' the Wisp
 - Yon, Hymn of Glory*
- CLAUDE L. MURPHREE
 - Trinity, Miami
 - *Widor, 6: Allegro
 - Edmundson, Easter Spring Song
 - Bach, Prelude & Fugue Am
 - Purvis, Romanza
 - Franck, Chorale E
 - Daquin, Noel with Variations
 - Murphree, American Folkhymn Prelude
 - Gaul, Fantasy on Easter Kyries
 - Fletcher, Fountain Reverie
 - Yon, Hymn of Glory
 - Avondale Methodist, Jacksonville
 - Recital on Hammond electrotone
 - Mueller, Thou Art My Rock
 - Edmundson, Two Classic Preludes
 - Schmutz, Lux Benigna
 - Diggle, Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart
 - Murphree, American Folkhymn Prelude
 - Daquin, Noel with Variations
 - Bach, Siciliano; Adagio C.
 - Guilmant, Son. 5: Scherzo
 - Purvis, Romanza
 - Franck, Chorale Am
- FRANCIS MURPHY
 - Christ Church, Philadelphia
 - Schmid, Gagliarda
 - Byrd, Pavane
 - Parry, Two Choralpreludes
 - Franck, Pastorale
 - McAmis, Dreams
 - Vierne, 2: Scherzo; Cantabile.
- BETTY JANE SMITH
 - Calvary Church, Pittsburgh
 - Bach, Prelude Cm; Heartily I Yearn; Come Sweet Death; Fughetta.
 - Dupre, Cortege & Litany
 - Liszt, Fantasia & Fugue on Bach*
- *J. HERBERT SPRINGER
 - St. Matthew's Lutheran, Hanover
 - Bach, Jesus Savior Son of God
 - Deck Thyself with Joy
 - Fantasia & Fugue Gm
 - Franck, Pastorale*
 - Russell, Up the Saguenay
 - Bells of St. Anne
 - Edmundson, Now Rest Beneath*
 - Liszt, Fantasia & Fugue on Bach
- ROGER WAGNER
 - St. Joseph's Church, Los Angeles
 - Biggs, Grand Chorus on Credo 3
 - Couperin, Soeur Monique
 - Bach, Three Choralpreludes
 - Prelude & Fugue Em
 - Trad., Londonderry Air
 - Titcomb, Gaudeamus
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 - French Composers
- Vierne, Westminster Carillon
- Bonnet, Romance sans Paroles
- Guilmant, Son. 5: Scherzo
- Dupre, Two Crucifixion Scenes*
- Mulet, Thou Art the Rock

French and American Composers

- Franck, Chorale Am; Pastorale.
- McKinley, Cantilena*
- Sowerby, Arios
- Bonnet, Caprice Heroique
- Vierne, I: Finale*
- Music for Holy Week
- Bach, O Man Bemoan
- Weitz, Mater Dolorosa
- Wagner, Good Friday Music*
- Dupre, Crucifixion*
- Tournemire, It Is Finished
- These are three of five Lenten programs with choir and vocal soloists.
- THEODORE H. WINKERT
 - St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn
 - *Bach, O Man Bemoan
 - Saint-Saens, Deluge Prelude
 - Schumann, Melody Gm
 - Handel, Largo
 - Mendelssohn, Athalie March of Priests
 - *Bach, Fantasia & Fugue Gm
 - Wagner, Cradle Song
 - Faulkes, Intermezzo C
 - Verdi, Aida Grand March
 - *Bach, In Thee is Gladness
 - Dubois, Andantino Reverie
 - Boellmann's Gothic Suite
 - *Bach, Prelude & Fugue Cm
 - Boellmann's Second Suite
 - *Bach, Prelude Am
 - Pasquet, Air in Style of Handel
 - Franck, Chorale Am
 - *Bach, Prelude & Fugue Dm
 - J.C. Marks, Moonlight on Lake Thais, Meditation
 - Salome, March
 - *Bach, Prelude & Fugue C
 - Wagner, Pilgrims Chorus
 - Candlyn, Indian Legend
 - *Bach, Prelude & Fugue Cm
 - Mendelssohn's Sonata 1
 - These are from a series of 32 noon-hour Lenten programs between March 6 and April 18.
 - GORDON E. YOUNG
 - St. Stephen's, Harrisburg
 - Scheidt, As Jesus Stood
 - Couperin, Fugue on Kyrie
 - Bach, In Death's Strong Grasp
 - Prelude & Fugue Bm
 - Vierne, 2: Cantabile; Finale.
 - Weaver, Bell Benedictus
 - Sowerby, Toccata
 - Bedell, Cantilene Bm
 - Mulet, Carillon-Sortie
 - Toronto Churches
 - Church advertisements filling the entire page of the Dec. 29 edition of the Toronto

Daily Star show slightly less ministerial conceit than American churches reflect; there were 87 church advertisements, 40 of which mentioned the name of the organist, the other 47 mentioning only the clergyman. On a second page there were 26 other religious advertisements, not one of which mentioned the organist. Thanks to Edwin D. Northrup of Cleveland for the Star pages.

New York City Churches

• Comparing the Toronto churches that advertised and mentioned their music or organists, New York churches for April 14 showed: 118 churches advertising, 12 mentioned no names at all, 68 mentioned the talker's name, 28 mentioned something about special music, and only 10 had the generosity to mention the organist's name.

Musically Speaking

• "Nowadays nobody cares a tinker's dam what happens in Germany. Germany has only herself to thank for the colossal loss of prestige. With that extraordinary German conceit, she willed it—and if there is a greater conceit than that of the Germans, I have yet to hear of it."—Dr. HARVEY GAUL, in The Musical Forecast, April 1942.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer

• has returned to Alsace from Africa for a much-needed rest after seven years continuous stay in his African hospital work.—E.N.B.

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William R. Huey, Jr.

• has been appointed to the First Presbyterian, Watertown, N.Y., effective June 1. The organ is a 3m Johnson & Son of 1892, rebuilt in 1920 and again in 1928, pipework buried behind inadequate openings. Present paid chorus will be changed to a volunteer chorus with at least two paid soloists, and junior and intermediate choirs added. Mr. Huey was born and educated in Chestertown, Md., entered Peabody Conservatory and studied organ with Louis Robert; ear-training, theory, piano, etc. were all a part of his Peabody training. From 1936 to 39 he was organist of North Baltimore Methodist, going then to Immanuel Reformed, to be dragged out of Baltimore and into the army in 1941,

serving with the Fourth Armored Division as radio operator for forward observer—"all the way through." After release he went to Watertown, N.Y., as organist of the First Methodist and did supplementary work for the Y.M.C.A. there. While in England, finishing his preparation for the European invasion, he made the necessary contacts and was able to play the organs in Salisbury Cathedral, Bath Abbey (4m Norman-Beard), and a 5m in St. Mary the Virgin, Calne.

Organ & Orchestra

• E. Power Biggs, the leader in concert works combining orchestra and organ, gave this program April 24 in Harvard University's Memorial Church, with a group of players from the Boston Symphony, Arthur Fiedler conducting: Porter, Fantasy on Pastoral Theme (organ and strings)

Hanson's Concerto for organ, strings, harp Poulenc's Concerto for organ, strings, kettle-drums

Piston, Prelude Allegro (organ and strings) Sowerby's Classic Concerto for organ and strings

In his radio programs Mr. Biggs has performed nine compositions especially written for his organ & orchestra broadcasts, and performed for the first time on the radio ten other organ-orchestra works.

Francis Murphy gave this program in Christ Church, Philadelphia, with 6 violins, 3 violas, 2 cellos, 2 horns, and bassoon:

Marcello, Psalm 19

Mozart's Sonata 14 (org., strings, horns) Handel's Concerto 5 (org., strings, woodwind)

Dupre, I Am Black But Comely

Bach, Son.2: Vivace

Vivaldi's Concerto Am (org., strings, solo violin) Karg-Elert, Legend of Mountain

Franck, Finale Bf

George L. Scott was soloist in this program with Raymond Jones' Sinfonietta Society, Sheldon Memorial, St. Louis, with nine string players from the St. Louis Symphony:

s. Geminiani's Concerto Grosso Cm

s. Corelli's Sonata in D

s. Tansman, Variations on Frescobaldi

o-s. Mozart's Sonata 8, 7, 10

s. Stamitz, Orchestra Quartet

s. Sammartini's Concerto Grosso 4

s. Copland, Two Pieces for Strings

o-s. Mozart's Sonata 11

o-s. Handel's Concerto 5

Lauren B. Sykes was organist with 26 members of the Victoria Symphony in a concert in First United Church, Victoria: Purcell, Chaconne Gm (strings)

Mozart, Divertimento Bf (woodwinds)

Fernandez' Suite (woodwinds and horn)

Mozart, Quartet (strings and flute)

Handel's Concerto 7 (organ, strings, and woodwinds)

How Nice to be Self-Satisfied

• "You can believe that what Christ teaches through His Church is true beyond any doubt; that such teaching is authoritative," says Chaplain Stewart in a pamphlet distributed by the National Council of Churchmen. Since when? The church taught that the world was made in seven days, was it? Also that the world was flat—and what did the church do to the first man who championed the truth instead of the Church's false teaching? The organist can help by being a great deal more careful of the texts he permits, both in anthems and vocal solos.

Austin C. Lovelace

• has been appointed to the First Presbyterian, Greensboro, N.C., on a full-time basis, including the multiple choir system for the Church and supervision of music in the church school; his Lenten programs will include Bach's cantata, "Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison," performed with chorus and string ensemble. Formerly with Queens College, Charlotte, N.C., Mr. Lovelace served two years with the navy.

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Charles W. McManis*Out of one war and headlong into another*

• T.A.O. readers know pretty much about the real Charles McManis through his many letters and reports in these pages. He was born on a March 17 in Kansas City, the one that's in Kansas (and he's fussy about that), had his early schooling there, earned his A.B. in the University of Kansas in 1936, the Mus.Bac. there the next year, studying organ with Laurel Everett Anderson.

His first organ position was assistant in Western Highlands Presbyterian, 1931; in 1934 he became organist of Trinity Episcopal, Lawrence, moved to Seventh Street Methodist there in 1937, was captured by the army in 1942 (actually he enlisted as the safer means of getting what he wanted—and he's always been rather particular about getting what he wants), wormed his way into Europe in 1944 (again because he figured it would be interesting to inspect at first hand some of the organs in England, France, and Germany), had to stay there six months longer than he liked, finally got out in one piece and jumped with both feet back into his beloved organbuilding.

As an organbuilder he began in 1928, and built an organ for himself "out of the scrap heap." In 1934 he began to work more seriously at it, as an assistant to Austin's Peter E. Nielsen of Kansas City, this one Missouri; here he learned about tuning, voicing, mechanics, and all that. In 1938 he equipped a shop for himself and went into rebuilding and maintenance work. He lists his products to date:

2-35 designed and rebuilt, Central Christian, Kansas City, Kans.

2-11 designed and rebuilt, Grace Lutheran, Kansas City, Kans.

2-5 designed and built, Hanover Lutheran, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

And while in the army at Camp Roberts he used his spare time, as recounted in earlier pages, to build an organ of wood pipes exclusively, metal being beyond the reach of any organbuilder at that time.

He has now organized The Charles W. McManis Company in association with Robert C. Wallace. His mother (whom we call a chip off the old block, for she is pretty much of the same temperament as her son Charles) is a pianist, and his father (who probably never can get a word in edgewise when the son & wife are around) is or was a baritone soloist and choirmaster.

Returning to the organbuilding career, Mr. McManis spent some time working for a builder here in America, and in one way or another persuaded the army to close its eyes while he inspected every important organ within reach of his ramblings abroad, with emphasis on some of the old German work. He has notions of his own about tone and ensemble.

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among the organbuilders and so very few of them left, there ought to be room for this new business into which he is putting so much energy.

We Hope So

• "Did you ever stop to think what's going to happen after the war? There won't be any German or Italian artists coming over here. They will be persona-non-grata because whatever artists are left in either Germany or Italy must be nazis or fascists. Any manager trying to book such artists would

find the going difficult."—Dr. HARVEY GAUL, in *The Musical Forecast*, April 1942.

Exchanging Recitals

• Claude L. Murphree of the University of Florida and Ramona C. Beard of Florida State College for Women started a recital exchange plan when Mrs. Beard gave a recital for Mr. Murphree in Gainesville March 24 and arranged for Mr. Murphree to give a recital in Tallahassee April 7; it is the intention to continue the exchange in future seasons.

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Book Goes for Another Printing

• Dr. William H. Barnes' *Contemporary American Organ* is again being reproduced from the third edition, the last printing having been about exhausted. A completely new edition of this book, brought up to date and printed from new type and plates, cannot be expected for at least two years, possibly much longer; in the meantime copies at the current \$2.50 price will continue to be available. This is the only book on organbuilding obtainable today; fortunately it is quite exhaustive and complete.

University of Michigan Recitals

• For the series of five organ recitals presented by Dr. Palmer Christian (see March p.65) the smallest audience was around 400 and the largest around 1000 (for Miss Coci); the Sowerby program drew second highest at about 800 and the others were between 500 and 600. Says Dr. Christian, "This tends to refute the argument that there is no organ public; we brought such to light right here in a community that prides itself on being sophisticated and that has ten regular concerts and a six-concert May Festival every year." This was the first time any member of the faculty of the

School of Music presented the work of his department in any such concentrated form—five concerts within an eleven-day period—and the results prove the effort warranted. The organ department is filled to capacity and has already outgrown organ-practice facilities; Dr. Christian's classes are filled to capacity for the coming 1946-47 school year.

Ernest Mitchell's

• presentation of Rossini's "Stabat Mater," with big-name soloists, string ensemble of nine, and timpani, drew a crowded house to Grace Church, New York, March 31, and something like four hundred were turned away for lack of seats.

Edwin B. Stube

• has been appointed to the First Methodist, Williamstown, Mass., where he will direct an adult chorus of sixteen with two solo voices and play a 3-23 organ built c.1927 by the then Skinner Organ Co., now Aeolian-Skinner. Mr. Stube was born in Orange, N.J., graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy and then Williams College, Williamstown, earning his B.A. there this spring. He studied organ with Robert Barrow, Claire Coci, Arthur Poister.

The Organ Raises Price

• Publishers of *The Organ*, the London quarterly, advise that effective with the July 1946 issue the subscription price will be increased to 12/6; presumably the publishers are still refusing to accept new subscriptions. The British have done a lot of fighting, a lot of suffering, a lot of work; they have done no whining, leaving that to the French, Germans, and Italians. We hope no American is so ignorant as to be remiss in his adequate sympathies for England and Englishmen.—Ed.

Opinion-Forming

• Scholastic Magazines' Institute of Student Opinion asked a group of boys and girls: "Which of the following influences your thinking to the greatest extent?" and got these percentages:

38% Family,
17 Magazines & newspapers,
11.5 Close friends,
10 Radio (heaven forbid),
6 Community and student opinion.

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